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Because of a ruling by the MIAA infractions committee, the mammoth trophy won by last year's tennis team no longer officially belongs to NWMSU. The action was taken because of an illegal number of scholarships offered by Dr. John Byrd, tennis coach.

Bette Hass

Four men were still in the running for the office of president of NWMSU as of Jan. 26, according to presidential search committee adviser, Dr. John Mees.

During the past several months, the search committee has narrowed the choice from an original total of 125 applications to the final four who have all visited campus and met with both faculty and students.

Among the four contenders is Dr. Donald Petry, who is presently NWMSU's executive vice-president. He has served in some capacity at NWMSU for almost eight years.

Search for president nears end

MIAA withdraws NWMSU tennis title

Jim Conaway

The Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association's infractions committee withdrew NWMSU's league championship in tennis won last spring because of illegal scholarships offered by Dr. John Byrd, coach.

The committee also reprimanded Byrd and asked NWMSU's athletic director "to keep a close eye" on the team's activities. The committee made its decision at the MIAA officer's winter meeting held in December.

Scott Wilson, the MIAA's Sports Information Director said the committee declared that the foreign student scholarships offered by Byrd to prospective tennis players were actually athletic scholarships. According to Wilson, this action caused NWMSU to offer more than 57 athletic scholarships, which is the maximum number a MIAA institution can offer. This was the only violation made by NWMSU.

Acting Provost Dr. John Mees said the committee first became aware of the team's situation through a letter sent by NWMSU President Robert P. Foster. But, according to Byrd, it was former Provost Dr. Charlie Thaté, who also did extensive research on a proposal to drop swimming, golf and tennis from the intercollegiate sport program, that sent the letter. Dr. Mees said that NWMSU then conducted its own investigation of the tennis program and reported their findings to the committee.

Second-year NWMSU Athletic Director Dr. Michael Hunter said he felt the committee's decision was fair. "We were lucky," said Hunter. "They could have placed our whole men's athletic program on probation for two years. This would have meant that we couldn't compete for a league championship in any sport."

"But, because we conducted our own investigation and turned ourselves in or as you might say, 'we cleaned our house,' the committee was more sympathetic with our case. They also understood how the situation arose because of the numerous administrative turnovers we've had," said Hunter.

Byrd said that the committee's decision was a dead issue, that the school wouldn't benefit from a prolonged debate over the situation. He refused to comment further.

Hunter explained that the foreign student scholarships became athletic scholarships because the foreign students recruited by Byrd were to play tennis for the University.

Hunter added that if the scholarships didn't require a commitment by the foreign students to compete in tennis, then the foreign student scholarships weren't classified as athletic scholarships.

So far, neither the infractions committee or NWMSU's administration has produced evidence showing that Byrd asked for a formal commitment from the foreign students to play tennis. However, Byrd hasn't proven that he informed the foreign students he recruited that they weren't obligated to play the sport once they attended the University.

Concerning the foreign student scholarship fund, Doyle Van Dyne, NWMSU's financial aids officer, said the program has only \$1,300 in its fund and it is used, in most cases, to assist foreign students already enrolled who have emergency situations arise during the academic year. He added that the fund wasn't meant to assist incoming freshmen, but admitted the program had loose guidelines so that the University could be flexible in assisting its foreign students.

Also considered for the position is Dr. Harold McAninch, president of Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill. McAninch was on campus on Jan. 14.

Dr. Robert Owens, president of Tampa University is Tampa, Fla., is a third candidate for the job of NWMSU president. He visited Maryville on Jan. 21.

The final aspirant for the post, Dr. Galen Greenhill, was the first to come to the NWMSU campus, arriving on Dec. 10. Greenhill is presently a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater, Wis. and has served on the administration of that

university.

The man chosen by the Board of Regents to fill the post of retiring President Robert Foster will take office immediately after Foster's retirement becomes effective on June 30, 1977. The outgoing NWMSU president has been in NWMSU's administration since 1948 when he became registrar. In 1960 he became dean of administration and then he took over his present post in 1964.

According to Mees, the Board of Regents decided who to offer the job to on Wednesday, but they are awaiting his response before they release his name. That announcement will be made soon.

Proposal okayed for dorm policy changes

Suzanne Cruzen

Changes in residence hall policies were recently approved by Dean of Students Phil Hayes.

Effective Jan. 1, all hall councils now have the option of extending open hours to 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. These maximum hours set by the University extend two hours over the previous policy will have the option to adopt the new policy or remain under the current system.

The second revision, which applies to the North and South Complex, Hudson and Perrin Halls, is the choice of moving fixed beds. Because of damage caused to beds in previous years, the students were restricted to fixed beds during last semester. According to Dean Hayes, the "option (of moving fixed beds) is now available with some kind of control factors."

This new policy is subject to certain conditions such as all students wishing to move their beds must obtain an approval form from the Area Coordinator. This form, developed by the Director of Housing, will be approved after an additional \$25 deposit is made at the Business Office. Any damage caused by the movement of the bed will be deducted from this deposit and the balance will be refunded at the end of the semester. Also, the movement of the bed must be done under Resident Assistant supervision. Thirdly, the bed cannot be moved from the student's room. The third change in dorm policy concerns the storage of bicycles in student's rooms or a central storage area. Residents in high-rise dorms are asked to store bicycles in the basement storage area because of possible damage to carpeting in the halls and rooms. A \$10 deposit and authorization by the Area Coordinator are required of residents of other halls who wish to store bicycles in their rooms. If no damages occur the deposit will be refunded.

These revisions, originating through the dorm councils, were endorsed by Inter-Residence Council and Student Senate before reaching the Student Personnel Staff and Dean Hayes.

Dean Hayes defined the policy changes as an "attempt to respond to specific needs certain students had." In a memorandum to the residence hall councils, he cited his reason for approval as an effort to "provide an additional incentive for students who desire to live in our residence halls without causing any abuse problems for other members of the academic community."

Casino Night nets \$220

Approximately 300 people attended IRC's Casino Night, held Jan. 14 in the Union Ballroom, at which \$220 was raised for the IRC Scholarship Fund.

According to Mike Van Guilder, IRC coordinator, the Casino Night was "an effort to keep people on campus," since many students have complained that there is nothing to do on weekends. Union Board also sponsored a dance the following evening.

Students gambled with play money, \$50 of which was distributed in their mailboxes earlier that day. Prizes were purchased with winnings: a huge hanging plant sold for \$23,000 and a coffeepot went for \$20,000. A poster of Farrah Fawcett-Majors sold for about \$8,000.

Workers consisted of IRC members, other students and about a dozen faculty members, including Phil Hayes, Dean of Students, and Bruce Wake, Director of Student Housing. Volunteers were dressed in armbands and hats in imitation of workers in a Las Vegas casino.

IRC is presently planning activities for the remainder of the semester, according to Carol Button, IRC president. Events

being considered are amateur nights, "Gong Shows," a revival of "Almost Anything Goes," a charity carnival with Union Board and Student Senate and a mysterious event called "The Ides of March."

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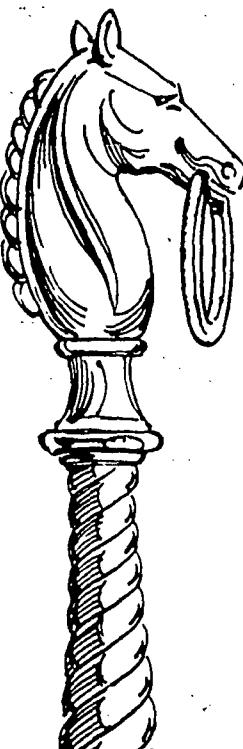


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Several changes have been made in dorm policy since Dean Phil Hayes recent acceptance of a proposal including housing revisions. One example is that bicycles are now allowed to be stored in dorm rooms.

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ble to attend college next year without financial assistance are advised to begin applying for financial aid as quickly as possible, reported Northwest Missouri State University's Doyle Van Dyne, director of student financial aid.

Although there are a wide variety of programs available to students who qualify for financial assistance, according to Van Dyne, three basic programs for the most important—(1) National Direct Student Loan; (2) Work-Study Program; (3) Basic Educational Opportunity Grant.

He urged that high school students needing monetary help contact either their high school counselor or the Office of Student Financial Aid on the NWMSU campus for details.

Underlining his advice for prompt application, Van Dyne said that applications for financial aid received by his office prior to April 30 are given priority. "This gives us time to make an accurate appraisal of the student's needs and to notify the student well in advance of the fall start of school if financial assistance is to be awarded."

Van Dyne explained the philosophy behind the assistance: "The primary obligation of financing a college education rests with the family of the college-bound student. Therefore, if money is a problem, the place to start financial planning is in the family."

In further explanation of the types of financial aid, Van Dyne said a National Direct Student Loan may be available to students showing financial need. The amount of the loan depends on the need, the amount of other aid the student is receiving, and the amount of funds available for the loan program....

The Work-Study Program is a federal program designed to provide employment opportunities for students needing financial aid to continue their education. Jobs are arranged around a student's class schedule, usually ranging from one to three hours of work per school day.

Van Dyne said that the Basic

1978 year.

The May Corwin Award of \$500 is available to a woman from Northwest Missouri who is a junior, senior or graduate student. A \$300 scholarship will be given to a woman who will be a senior next year and plans to attend NWMSU. The Anna M. Painter Graduate Fellowship Loan of \$1000 is available for graduate study only.

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Anyone wishing to assist with the program should contact Jody Barnes, Regional Director of Special Olympics, Albany, Mo., 64402, in early March.

The Robert P. Foster Commemorative Scholarship now has over \$21,000 in cash and pledges.

The goal has been set at \$50,000. The scholarship will be presented to Dr. Foster June 25, at an Alumni Retirement Ceremony. Those interested in attending should contact the Alumni Office.

All students with copies of the "Study Guide" which accompanies Burns and Peltason's Government by the People are asked to return them to the Bookstore.

These guides are out of print and the Bookstore will buy the old copies back in order to sell them to students needing them this semester.

The Missouri State Library has designated Wells Library as a "full depository" for Missouri State Documents.

A listing of agencies and offices for which documents are to be received is available at both Wells Library and the Provost's Office.

The bookstore will have special sale tables throughout this next semester in an effort to reduce inventory. In a step to reduce inventory of textbooks, all students are urged to purchase texts soon because all these remaining after Feb. 9 will be returned to the company.

A memorial fund honoring Marion, Sandra, and Jennifer Wirth, who died in a plane crash last December, has been established.

The fund is being handled by the NWMSU Educational Foundation at the request of Mrs. Wirth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kellerman, 1303 West Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, Ind. Those wishing to participate in the memorial may send their contribution to Don Carlile, secretary of the Educational Foundation, Administration Building 201.

Spring enrollment stats tallied

First-day enrollment figures for NWMSU showed 4,065 students registered—compared to 4,078 at the same time last year—a decrease of 13 students.

It is estimated that spring 1977 enrollment should be between 4,325 and 4,350 when registration is complete. This would be a decrease from 4,503 students on and off-campus during spring 1976. The difference in enrollments is seen as the result of reduced off-campus offerings and last year's new special education course requirement according to Dr. Robert Bush, dean of admissions and records.

The sophomore class was down 24 to 846 this year while the juniors' enrollment decreased 60 to 650. The

number of graduate students declined from 565 last year to 556.

Dr. Bush was encouraged by the freshman class gain of 28 from 1,260 to 1,288. The senior class also gained 52 from 673 to 725.

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9. STAND TALL-Burton Cummings
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Please Note: The Above Top Ten Is Chosen By KDLX-KXCV Personnel.

Band journeys to capital

Being one of only two such groups performing at the Missouri Music Educators Association Convention, the NWMSU Symphonic Band traveled to Jefferson City Jan. 21.

Along with Central Missouri State's symphonic band, director Ward Rounds' performers presented a half-hour concert in the Jefferson City Ramada Inn, which was the convention site.

Among the pieces performed by the band were "March with Trumpets," by Bergsma; "Credo," by Tull; "Mediterranean Holiday," by Makris; and "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite," by King.

Tim Timmons, NWMSU music instructor, was also featured in a saxophone solo during the band's performance of "Introduction and Samba," by Whitney.

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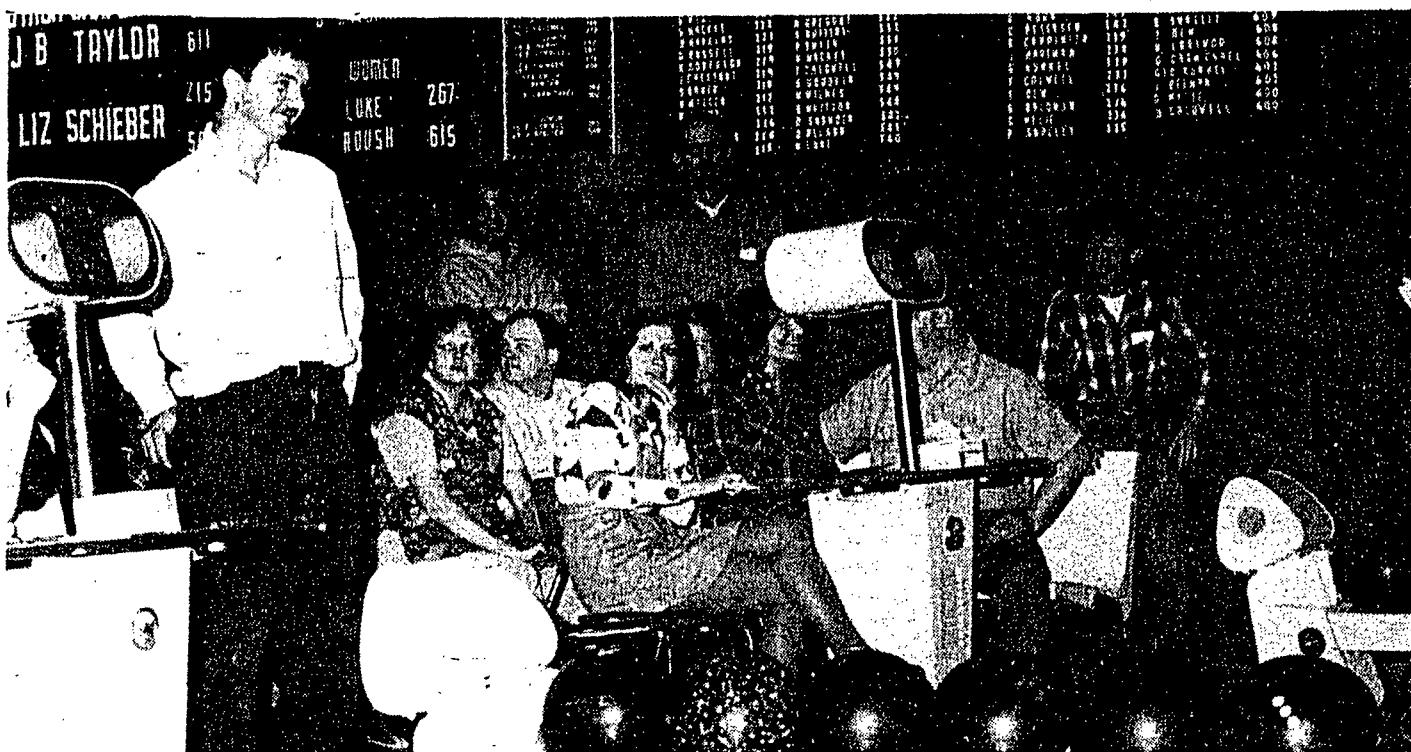
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The Youth Association for Retarded Citizens (YARC) is a campus organization which serves developmentally disabled individuals. One of their weekly activities is bowling.

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YARC aids citizens through involvement

Bette Hass

PATIENCE. UNDERSTAND-
ING. TACT.

These are the qualities most sought after in the membership drive underway at present in YARC (Youth Association for Retarded Citizens), according to Martin Wright, president of the organization.

He added that the most important quality needed when joining YARC is true interest in the people dealt with in their programs. "You can't be a fraud," Wright said. "You have to be truly interested in helping them, because they'll spot a fraud right away. They're very sensitive people."

YARC Vice-president Susan Guilliams added that "you get some of the best counseling experience you can get anywhere in the YARC programs." She explained that the workers often want advice about problems which they consider vitally important.

The basic program YARC is sponsoring now is bowling every Thursday afternoon for workers from the Nodaway County Sheltered Workshop. YARC members also participate in other programs in conjunction with the

workshop, such as ABEL (Adult Basic Education in Living) on Tuesday afternoons, swimming lessons at Martindale Pool and the county recreation program at the Margaret Davison Center in Maryville.

Wright said that the main goal of these programs is to give the workers an opportunity to have fun and socialize with people other than those at the Sheltered Workshop.

YARC members and the other volunteers for these programs are also trying to bring the workers to a level where they're accepted in the community and they can function almost on their own. Guilliams said that this is the main objective of ABEL, where workers learn about such topics as physical hygiene, grocery shopping and driving a car.

Wright said that he'd like to see YARC get involved in creating more programs of its own, rather than just participating in the county projects. He added that this can be done if their membership project is successful. As Guilliams said, "It's unlimited what you can do with more people."

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Superstitions related

Chris Scrivens

Breaking a mirror, walking underneath a ladder and black cats crossing one's path are old and obvious but unrecognized superstitions is the ceased believing in. However, there are still many who adhere to subtle superstitions without even realizing it.

Probably one of the most prominent but unrecognized superstitions is the belief that one must follow the same routine every day, as humans are naturally creatures of habit. But when a person becomes so psychologically dependent upon a basic routine that their performance suffers when this habit is altered, then they have a superstition on their hands.

Although this pattern may have no physical relationship to the person's performance, their performance will be poor because they believe it will. Thus, the key word in superstitions is "belief." If a person truly believes that something will happen as a result of something else, it most likely will.

If you are prepared, you don't need superstitions"
--Guilliams

Coaches and athletes are prime examples of this phenomena. Most NWMSU coaches agree that they are superstitious and will readily admit that it is merely a psychological matter; that the things they do really have no physical bearing on the outcome of the game. Men's basketball coach Bob Iglehart has the best explanation for this occurrence. "The psychological state of the mind has a great deal to do with how you perform in a game. It is almost as major a factor as physical preparation is."

Although Iglehart said he had really never considered himself superstitious, he admitted, "I tend to follow the same pattern or routine on game days, and if we haven't had too much luck, I may try to change things a little to break the routine." Following the same line of thought, he said, "If things are going well, I may wear the same clothes; but if we lose a ball game I tend not to wear the same suit for awhile. I believe people can become too superstitious and dependent on routine, and thus become obsessed with it," he added.

Assistant football coach, Dave Evans, agreed with Iglehart. "I follow the same routine on game days and try to wear the same clothes," he stated. In an effort to explain why coaches are superstitious he added, "There are so many unpredictable things that can happen during a game,

coaches need something they can point to that they know is going to happen for sure."

"I don't have any superstitions," stated Coach Glenda Guilliams, women's cross country coach. "If you are prepared you don't need them." She tends to believe that what appears to be superstition to most people is only mere habit on the part of the coach. But she conceded that some coaches become too dependent on these habits and that an alteration in this routine may have a serious psychological effect on both the coach and the players.

She also believes that tradition is a prime influence upon coaches. "If the coach wears the same coat or hat more than once to a game, the fans expect him to do it at every game. So to play up to the fans, the coach will wear the same hat but it doesn't have any affect on the game." Referring to those who do make a conscious effort to follow the same routine, she said, "Habits can be more of a hazard than a help because you become too dependent upon them." Summing up her philosophy she stated, "Warm-ups and eating at the same time really have no bearing on the game. If you are not prepared, no gimmick will get you through the game."

"Of course, I don't have any superstitions, but..."

Coach Dick Flanagan of men's track seconded Guilliams. "I don't have any superstitions, but I do pray a lot and follow the same routine each game day."

On the humorous side, former Coach Mike Morris always related to his classes the story of his coaching days in high school. He would explain that he always wore the same pair of unwashed socks to every game. "We won every game," he said, "until the championship game when my wife washed my socks. We lost that game." Whether he really believed it caused the team to lose no one knows for sure, but it always got a good laugh out of his classes.

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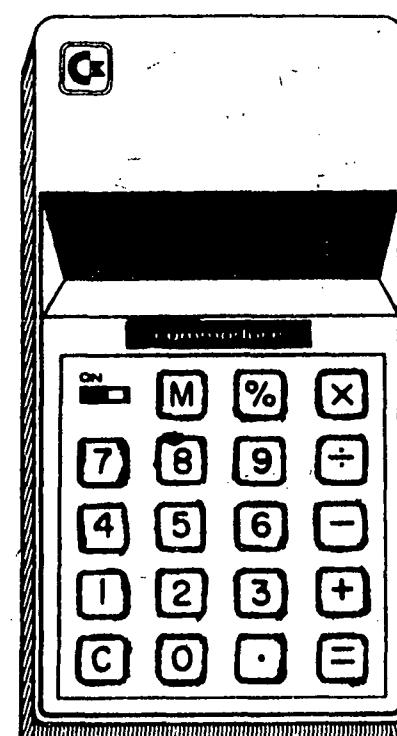
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Will a benefactor set me free and
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Blindness is usually considered one of the most frightening and incapacitating of all afflictions. It is estimated that a newly-blinded person has lost 70 per cent of his ability to communicate, and is suddenly totally unable to travel without assistance.

Statistics on blindness boggle the imagination—from 1940 to 1960 the general population increased 36 per cent, while the rate of blindness soared to 67 percent. There are four basic reasons for this spiralling percentage. First, Americans now have a longer life expectancy and more persons fall into the cataract and glaucoma age-groups. Second, many individuals with eye disorders fail to consult an ophthalmologist before total loss of eyesight occurs.

Thirdly, there is a great lack of ophthalmologists. In Missouri, for example, 80 percent of these specialists practice in St. Louis or Kansas City. Theoretically, there is one ophthalmologist to serve 55,000 persons. The last reason given for the increase in blindness is the lag in research in the area of eye disease and the lack of proper facilities for study.

As of 1974, there were at least 12,000 legally blind persons living in Missouri. This number is larger than the entire population of Maryville. One-hundred thousand others cannot see well enough to read a newspaper. There are 1,000 new cases of blindness reported throughout the state each year. Because of this high prevalence rate, Missouri is ranked among the top 10 states nationwide that need special attention in the prevention of eye diseases.



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Although the statistics sound dismal, a large group of individuals have taken it upon themselves to aid in the deterrence of blindness. The Lions Clubs of Missouri, in conjunction with the Eye Research Foundation, has set up an eye bank, which is now in its 15th year of service. This eye bank is not an actual "bank," where rows upon rows of eyes are stored, as the name might suggest. Instead, it is a distribution center and research laboratory for eye tissue left by deceased donors.

The purpose of the eye bank is to receive, process and distribute eye tissue. With approximately 120 sub-stations throughout the state, the Missouri Lions Eye Tissue Bank is the largest system of its kind in the world.

The Eye Research Foundation is a non-profit corporation established for the following reasons: to research causes and treatment of blinding eye diseases and related problems; to operate a clinic for detection and treatment of eye diseases; and to operate a center for rehabilitation of the blind and partially sighted (the state of Missouri has no rehabilitation program of its own.) The Foundation studies causes of cataracts, glaucoma and other ocular diseases.

The only means of obtaining eye tissue for sight-saving corneal transplants, surgery and research, is from deceased eye donors. Anyone 18 years of age or older can sign a card in the presence of two witnesses and become a donor. Age or the wearing of glasses of eye donors does not affect their usefulness—even blind eyes have been used.

There are 12,000
legally blind persons
living in Missouri.



Eyes are removed after death by an authorized mortician or physician, using an "Eye Enucleation Kit" supplied by the Lions Club. The donor's family is not charged—as the removal is considered a public service. Implants can be inserted so that the appearance of the donor remains unchanged. Eyes must be extracted within

say 'eye'

four to six hours after death and must be received by the Research Foundation within twelve hours.

Members of each local Lions Club are responsible for transporting the eye tissue and emergencies the State Patrol assists. The eyes are examined upon arrival at the Foundation and those that will not be used immediately for surgery and corneal transplants are stored by means of cryopreservation. This method enables the eye tissue to be used at a later time. Those who receive the tissue are not charged for the service.

The Eye Emergency Network aids eye bank personnel throughout the nation to communicate with each other and relate the need for extra eye tissue. The network is

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is from deceased
eye donors.*



a group of ham radio operators that meet twice each day for the sole purpose of serving the eye banks.

Each year the Lions Clubs hold special drives to sign new donors. In 1975, 2,364 new cards were submitted and 118 eyes were received. Of these, 32 corneas were used for transplants, six sclera were used for surgery, 24 eyes served for practice surgery and 43 more were saved for research purposes. Sixteen sclera were preserved and 12 eyes were transported to other states.

From February through May of last year, 1,245 cards were signed. Lions in this district contributed 192 new donor cards, which was the third largest number turned in state-wide.

In Maryville, Dr. Leon Miller is the Lions' sight representative and St. Francis Hospital is a sub-station authorized for eye donor removal. Dr. Miller, head of NWMSU graduate studies, has worked as a board member of the Eye Tissue Bank for 13 years.

"There is just no way you can measure the gift of eyesight in dollars and cents," he said, "I've watched this program grow over the years, and talked to a countless number of individuals who have retained sight by having corneal transplants. You just can't understand how appreciative these people are!" Dr. Miller noted that although he was not aware of any Maryville residents who had received corneal transplants, he knew of several such people from the surrounding areas, such as Cameron, Trenton, and St. Joseph, Mo.

*Anyone 18 or older
can become
an eye donor.*

The NWMSU Pre-Med Club has taken on the project of aiding the Lions Club in their drive for new eye donors. Jan. 31-Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Student Union Building and Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of Garret Strong have been set aside for this purpose, according to Craig Gaugh, Pre-Med Club president. The goal for the entire Maryville area is 500 new cards.

After a donor signs, his card is sent to the Eye Foundation and kept on file. The donor receives a plasticized card the size of a driver's license that is to be carried with him (as in a billfold) at all times.

Those who are squeamish may conjure up images of extracted eyes and term the idea "morbid" or "gross." Yet, what could be more beautiful than being responsible for giving another person the gift of sight?



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Folkman wins theatrical contest at four-state regional division

Several NWMSU students and two faculty members spent part of last week in Iowa City attending the American College Theater Festival held at the University of Iowa.

Awards for various aspects of theatrical production were given, and Don Folkman, technical director of the University theater department, won the award for best set design from a field of 48 sets.

"I think what they liked best about it was, as they told me, the 'meticulous attention to detail' that showed on the set. It really did defy anyone to point out anything which made it seem unreal, and I guess that's why they liked it."

Folkman is presently at work on the set of the theater departments' next play, House of Blue Leaves, which premieres Feb. 17. Folkman's mind may not be entirely on the scene designs, since he and his wife are due to become parents for the second time. "I kept expecting an urgent phone call all the while I was in Iowa City," laughed Folkman. "I was ready to leave at any time and shoot back down here."

Besides Folkman, an NWMSU student also received honors at the festival. Gloria Obermeyer was chosen from the casts of 48 as one of the 10 best actors in this region. This entitled her to compete for the Irene Ryan Scholarship worth \$500 and a chance to go to Washington D.C. and win a \$5,000 scholarship. Obermeyer did not win the region, losing to a 33-year-old former

professional equity actor. "While I was there I learned that the pressure and the intense competition isn't the kind of life for me," said Obermeyer. "I think I just want to teach drama instead of being out there always competing and trying to make contacts." She shook her head seriously, saying, "I had a lot more fun and was able to relate more with the education people there than with the

professional people. I just sort of naturally gravitated to them, which showed me what my own inclinations are."

There were workshops given on all aspects of theatrical work, including direction, acting, design and writing. "There were some sensitivity workshops that I felt were really good learning experiences," said Obermeyer.



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Annual Bohlken Awards attracts record number

Barb Guhlke

Three crazed vegetables and their beleaguered victim were the subject of the film last night which won this year's Bohlken Award.

The film, *The Life and Times of Captain Sim* by Mike Bultmeier, concerned three actors dressed as a carrot, mushroom and stalk of celery, played by Rob Dawson, Alvin Brinkman and Doug Grone. Phil Gerstheimer was the Captain, who was chased and eventually zapped by the evil garden escapees.

The other presentations were *The Bracelet* by Mary Badeen, *The Bionic Chickenman* by Bob Still, *Deja Vu* by Joel Burgett and *The Alien* by Ted Krieger, all of which played to a packed audience in the Little Theater which unfortunately is that—little. This was the largest turnout for the Bohlken Awards, which has now entered its fifth year.

Robert Craig, speech and theater instructor, served as master of ceremonies for the show, assisted by Ella Slaughter and Cindy Adler. Between film presentations skits were performed by speech and theater students. The judging was by a panel of five, which included Perry Echelberger, operations manager-KXCV, Dr. Karen Fulton, English department instructor, Steve Moberg, last year's Bohlken Award winner, Bob Severson, owner of Maryville Shoe Company and Linda Smith, adviser for

the Northwest Missourian and Tower yearbook.

After the student films, a special feature was shown entitled *Bambi Meets Godzilla*. This animated film was the winner of the 1970 New York Film Festival award in the Animated Films category. This brief was undoubtedly a surprise to many in the audience, both of its brevity and the unexpected ending.

Criteria by which the films were judged were on the basis of whether there was a recognizable plot and an identifiable beginning, middle, crisis and ending. Technical quality also counted in the ratings. All the film used was eight millimeter. Lighting was a major consideration, as was editing and cutting. Whether there were obvious or easily seen jumps and shifts due to poor film editing was a major factor in the judging of the student presentations.



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Guitarist to appear today

Jesus Ruiz, an award winning classical guitarist from Mexico City, will be in concert at Charles Johnson Theater tonight (Jan. 28) at 8 p.m..

The concert, presented by the NWMSU department of foreign languages, is free.

Ruiz, 27, has achieved wide recognition throughout the United States, Europe, Mexico and Central and South America, receiving many awards for his performances, including one presented by Luis Echeverria Alvarez, then-president of Mexico, for his contributions to Mexico's musical arts.

When not on tour, Ruiz is professor of guitar at the Estudio de Arte Guitarristico, a well-known school for guitar in Mexico City. Music critics admire his precision of technique, sensitive interpretations and balance.

The program will include "Prelude" by J.S. Bach, "Fantasy" by J. Dowland, "Variations on a Theme by Mozart" by F. Sor and other works.

Ruiz, who will be accompanied by his wife and sister, is a friend of NWMSU students Yolanda Liceaga and Azucena Valdovinos, the American Legion scholarship student from Mexico.



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Band tours several area high schools

The Northwest Missouri State University concert band will begin its annual winter trek through nine area high schools February 2-4.

The band, under the direction of Ward Rounds, will visit five Missouri and four Iowa high schools in the three day tour. They are Stanberry, Albany, Mt. Ayr, Waukeee, Bondurant-Farrar, Say Del, Chillicothe, Gallatin and Maysville high schools.

Membership in the NWMSU concert band is secured through auditions held in November of each year. These auditions are open to all University students.

Rounds, director of bands at NWMSU, has been a member of the University faculty since 1960. Previously he taught in public schools for a total of 18 years.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and a Master of Arts and a professional diploma from Teachers College, Columbia, University.

The band's tour program will feature trombone soloist Ernie Woodruff, instructor of music, who joined the NWMSU faculty after serving for four years as director of bands at Paoli Okla. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Oklahoma and has done graduate work at that same institution, where he studied trombone under Dr. Irvin L. Wagner.

Woodruff will be featured with the band in a performance of "Concerto for Trombone" by Rimsky-Korsakov. Other numbers on the program include "Variations on America," by Charles Ives; "Divertissement No. 3 for Blue Lake," by Donald White; and "A Grand Serenade for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion," by Peter Schickele.

At the high school performances, band members from the schools will be invited to participate with the NWMSU band in its finale and the high school band director will be invited to direct the concert band in one of its numbers.

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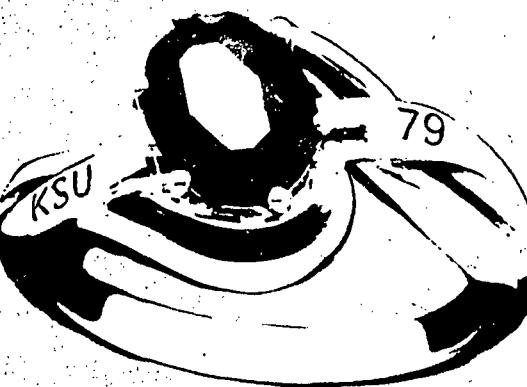
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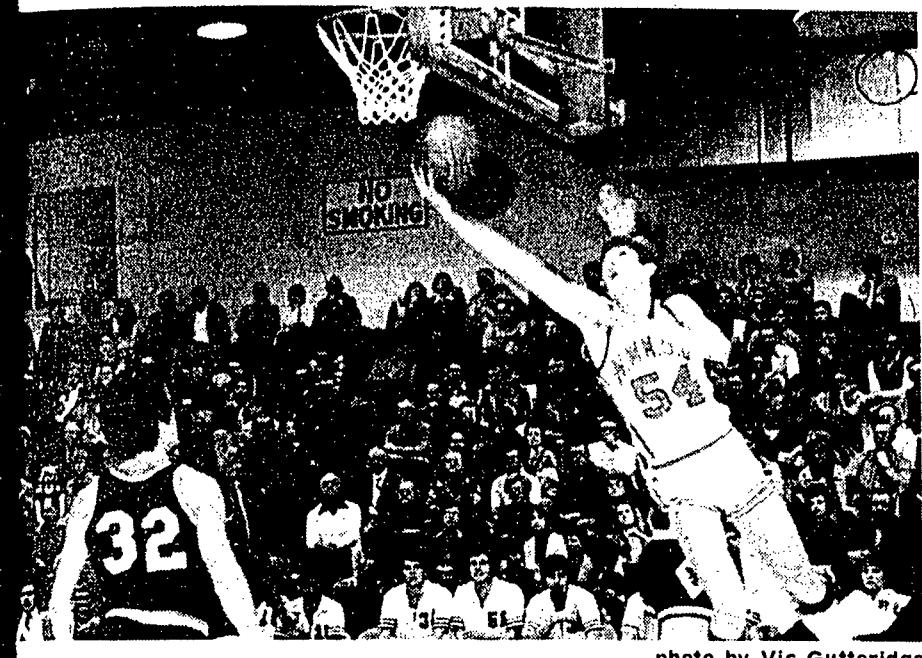


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Bearcat Russ Miller drives past a Quincy player for a lay-up as another Quincy player and the 'Cat bench look on. Miller has been one of the bright spots during the 'Cats 6-10 campaign.

'Cat basketball team falters over holidays

William Jewell College was the last opponent to face the Bearcat Cagers in Lamkin Gym during 1976.

The 'Cats attempted to boost their record to 4-3 against the Nebraska Cornhuskers, but a slow start enabled the Huskers to walk off with an 88-53 taming of the 'Cats.

On Dec. 18, the NWMSU Bearcats traveled to Lebanon, Ill., to face the Bearcats of McKendree College. The 3-4 NWMSU 'Cats had trouble holding down the hot-shooting Cats from McKendree who shot 61 percent from the floor and jumped off to a 57-42 lead at the end of the first 20 minutes.

But the second half told the story of the "Battle of the Bearcats" as NWMSU wound shooting 55 percent from the floor and a perfect 13-for-13 at the charity line to down McKendree 89-83.

The 'Cats concluded '76 on a winning note by dumping Missouri Baptist 86-78 Dec. 18 at St. Louis. NWMSU had trouble with the Spartans full court press and gave up 27 turnovers, but solved the problem by shooting over 50 percent from the field. Four 'Cats scored in double figures with Dave Alvey leading with 19 points and Doug Deskin close behind, racking up 18. Ted Espey hit five out of six from the floor and ended up with 11 points and Mark Adams added 10.

Coach Iglehart's Bearcats made it through the December schedule with a .555 mark and a 5-4 record after the game at Missouri-Baptist. But the fortunes of the years end did not carry into the new year as the 'Cats came out winless during the 11th MIAA Tournament at Springfield.

Streak ends

The basketball Bearcats ended a five-game losing streak by defeating Quincy College 78-67 Saturday (Jan. 22) in Lamkin Gymnasium.

The victory upped the team's record to 6-9 overall while their conference record before entering Monday's (Jan. 24) contest with Lincoln was 0-2.

After playing Lincoln, the 'Cats will host Central Missouri State Saturday (Jan. 29) and Southwest Missouri State Monday (Jan. 31) in Lamkin Gymnasium. Tipoff for both games is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Swimmers prepare for home schedule

After losing their first home meet of the season to St. Louis University 72-40, the Bearcat swimmers, now 1-4 for the season in duals, will host seven more meets in Martindale Pool.

William Jewell and Central Missouri State will be the 'Cats' opponent today (Jan. 28) and tomorrow (Jan. 29). Gun time for today's meet is scheduled for 4 p.m. while tomorrow's meet will start at 2 p.m.

Although there is snow on the ground and the temperature is dipping below the zero mark, the Bearcat swimmers are in the midst of their season.

Coach Lewis Dyche has been pleased with the results from his young squad especially since the Bearcats have faced some stiff competition. Two examples are NCAA Division I schools, the Air Force Academy, which finished 6-0 in

duals last season, and West Texas State.

Senior Tim Spencer, who owns the school records in the 160, 200, and 400 yard individual medley, is one of the top Bearcat performers. A newcomer to the team, Dave Musser has already set one school record in the 1000 yard freestyle. Musser was timed in at 11:39 breaking the record of 11:42 previously held by Dan Brandon. Another newcomer to the Bearcats is Dave Nemeth, who is a top diver for the team.

Coach Dyche reported that the squad was hurt by some lettermen that didn't return, but the swimmers have been working hard and some of the freshmen look promising. According to Coach Dyche, "If we can keep this young group together and get hold of some good recruits, we could have a championship squad."

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Two of George Worley's wrestlers battle it out in preparation to the defense of a winning tradition.

Wrestlers host two meets

Bearcat fans will have a chance to see NWMSU's winningest athletic team in action when Coach George Worley's wrestlers host Missouri-Rolla, Lincoln and Wayne State, Neb., at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Feb. 9) in Lamkin Gymnasium.

The quadrangular will be the next to the last home meet for the 'Cats, who will close out their home schedule with a Feb. 22 dual against the Nebraska Corn Huskers.

Before entering tomorrow's (Jan. 29) Southwest Missouri State Invitational, the Bearcats had a 4-1 dual record with the loss coming from Nebraska-Omaha, a nationally-ranked college division team, 21-15. The team has won matches over Northeast Missouri State 24-12; Southeast Missouri State 26-12; Graceland 46-10; and Kearney State, Neb., 22-11.

In tournament action, the team has finished second in the Graceland Invitational; fourth in its own invitational; and third in Coe College's Kohawk Invitational.

In the midst of their 20th intercollegiate campaign, 'Cat wrestlers

have compiled a 176-62-3 (winning percentage of .740) dual meet record. A large part of their success came when the team won 43 straight meets from Dec. 1962 to Feb. 1966. Never in their 20-year history has the team had a losing season.

Since the MIAA conference started holding competition in wrestling, which was 1966, the Bearcats have won the title twice, finished as co-champs once, in the runner-up spot seven times and third once.

Even though last year's team finished third in the league, Worley was quick to point out that the squad was only 9½ and 18 points shy of catching the second and first place teams, respectively, Central Missouri State and Lincoln.

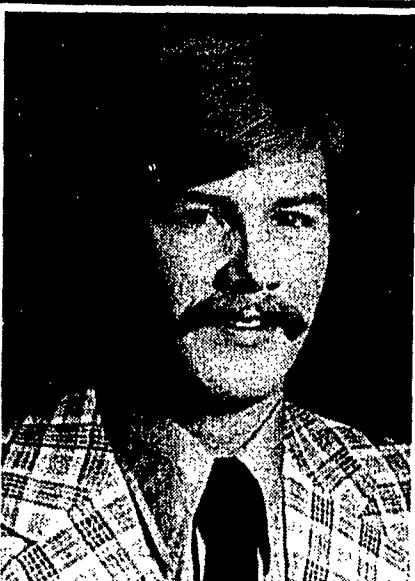
"We were hurt injury-wise going into the meet," said the seventh-year coach. "If Glen Zenor (winner in the 167 lb. class his freshman year) had been healthy and won his weight class, which I am sure he would have done, that would have given us 12 points. Plus, his win would have taken points from other teams."

And Worley's team will have a chance to keep that good tradition going Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Coach Dick Flanagan's tracksters finished third in a triangular held Saturday (Jan. 22) at Crete, Neb. The Bearcats trailed host Doane College and Neb. Wesleyan, who had 88½ and 49 points, respectively, but finished ahead of Kearney St., Neb., 20½-20.

Event winners were Vernon Darling, who ran the mile and 2-mile in 4:17.3 and 9:25.3; and Brad Boyer, who ran the 300 and 33.0.

The meet was the team's second this year. The first meet was a 18-team Invitational at Doane College and no team scores were kept.

Effel Fluellen broke the school record in the 60 yard intermediate hurdles by clocking 7.4. The old record was 7.6.

In their first meet of the season, the women's track squad set four school records. The team competed in a non-scoring five-team meet held Saturday (Jan. 22) at Warrensburg.

The new school records were set by Ann Kimm, who ran the 2-mile in 11:33.0 (old record was 11:55.6); Linda Martens, who high jumped 5-1 (old record was 4-8); and Marla McAlpin set two new school records by clocking 40.5 in the 300 and 1:32.4 in the 600. There were no school records in the 300 or 600 yard dashes.

A meeting for those interested in trying out for the golf team will be held 4 p.m. Monday (Jan. 31) in room 202 of Lamkin Gymnasium.

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Kittens to play Kemper game

The Northwest Missouri State Bearkittens will help make history Feb. 1 when they meet the Kansas Lady Jayhawks in the first women's basketball game ever to be played in Kemper Arena at Kansas City. The Bearkittens, 21-3 against Big Eight teams in the past five years, will face the Lady Jayhawks at 6 p.m. prior to a game involving the Kansas City Kings and last year's Western Division champs, the Phoenix Suns.

Students will be able to purchase main door \$6.35 tickets for \$4. A round-trip bus ride to the game will be an additional \$2 and will leave at 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Alumni office, the Student Union Office or from the secretary at Martindale Gymnasium. In addition, tickets may be purchased at all home games.

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Schedule, budget, personnel situation changes Bearcat tennis squad outlook

Jim Conaway

Things just won't be the same this year for the Bearcat tennis team. The schedule won't be as strong, the budget has been trimmed and last year's top players are no longer with the team.

The only thing that will be the same is that the team will be made up of foreign students.

According to tennis coach Dr. John Byrd, Canadians Sam Rifaat and Terry Turharsky; Nigerians Biodun Odunsi, Olaye Ogunrinde and Mondelo Aadum; New Zealander Rex Haultain; Belgian Chris Robert Mexican Rodolfo Zuniga; and Bolivian Fernando Haderspock will be the top contenders for the six singles and three doubles positions. All except Rifaat, Zuniga and Ogunrinde are untested, inexperienced players who failed to make the squad last year. Ogunrinde was used at the number five singles spot last year while Zuniga was used at the number six singles and number position during the 1975 season but failed to see action last year.

At the MIAA officer's winter meeting the league voted to allow each school to play only 11 matches or tournaments instead of 15.

So the schedule, which included duals with Missouri, Iowa, Drake, Kansas and Wichita State last year, will differ considerably this year. On the schedule will be last year's opponents, which were Nebraska, Doane, Washburn and Southwest Missouri State. New opponents will be Iowa State, William Jewell, KSC-Pittsburg, John Brown University, Graceland, Nebraska-Omaha and Missouri-Southern.

Last year's schedule also included tournament play at Oral Roberts, Oklahoma State, Drake and Northeast Missouri State. But since the team's budget has been reduced, the players won't see any tournament action this year.

"We just won't be able to afford the meals and hotel bills to stay anywhere overnight," said Byrd.

What happened to last year's players? Jukka Narakka from Finland will play for Arkansas-Little Rock; Bjorn Pihlgren from Sweden and Arif Kocak from Turkey will play for Navarro Junior College of Corsicana, Tex.; Pedro Camacho from Peru will play for Missouri Western; and Brazilian Alex

Silva will play for Scottsdale, Ariz., Junior College. All these players received athletic scholarships to play for their new colleges. The team's only American player, Norm Riek, had a year of eligibility left but bypassed the chance to compete this year by graduating in December and accepting a position as a tennis pro in Schomburg, Ill.

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Are we a nation of hit men?

Robert Pore

"Man is the cruel animal. He is alone in that distinction."

Mark Twain

If man is the only animal that inflicts pain for the pleasure of doing it, as Twain said, then it's only logical to assume that his technology should aid in his recreation. Violence is an entity that subsists on man's genius—the more intelligent he becomes the more savage his nature. Man is an industrious creature—he labors hard towards his own destruction.

Through the marvel of electronics, man has integrated his sadistic desires with his advances in technology. In the orgy of flashing lights and ringing bells of any amusement park, for a quarter, the person seeking the relaxation of brutality can find his diversion behind the wheel of a simulated auto. In 60 seconds he can test his ruthless ability to run down as many stick figures as possible on a video screen. The game is called "Death Race." As the driver demolishes a stick character, the machine cries in an anguished shrill and a cross of illuminated radiance emerges on the screen.

The manufacturer of this game has said, "If you take it in the right frame of mind, it is a humorous amusement." From the moment man realized he was the prodigy of the animal world, he has engaged in "humorous amusement" in his celebration of civilization. In the "right frame of mind" man can jokingly remark that he has stockpiled enough weapons to destroy his world—at least a dozen times or more.

With the refinement of his mental faculties, man has rationalized violence as a means of orderly existence. He has become accustomed to violence as an institution that represents "the only right and proper way of doing things."

Man, through his immense intellect, has justified the most barbarous atrocities to insure an "orderly existence." In the "right frame of mind," man has used the ferocity of his wisdom to maintain dignity and decency. His wrath of destruction for the advancement of civilization clearly illustrates "the only right and proper way of doing things."

Man is an inventive creature—he is resourceful in devising mass extermination for the cause of peace. He is philosophical in his barbarism. He is profound in his savagery. He is discriminating in his butchery. Man seeks a cold-blooded serenity for his children and prays for a placid abyss. He governs with a sense of homicidal harmony. In the name of his God, he religiously crucifies his adversary. For the principle of his politics, he administers a lethal code of justice. Man is clearly zealous in his institution of violence.

When confronted with an alternative, such as peace, in the solution of his problems, man will habitually resort to his asylum of brutality. He is an artist of atrocity and a colorist of cruelty. Peace can only disillusion his paradise.

THE STROLLER

Welcome back to campus, fans and foes. Although your Stroller has been away from his trusty typewriter for over a month, the old master of wit and wisdom is back in rare form for yet another semester of fun and frolic: (?)

While wiling away the hours during the oh-so-short vacation, your friend discovered that his supply of good reading material had been depleted. Thus, he was reduced to poring over the December issue of Seventeen Magazine.

For the uninitiated, Seventeen is a slick, colorful publication that instructs pretty girls on how to become prettier and teaches ugly girls how to make the best of their lousy luck. (For example: "learn how to be a good listener," "develop a nice personality and a sense of humor," attend social functions with a paper bag over your head, etc.)

One positively nifty suggestion was to give an Unbirthday Party like the one the Mad Hatter threw in the Alice in Wonderland tale. They advised to stick with the traditional story-line by tying tags on the teacups that say "Drink Me" and tags on the brownies that say "Eat Me." Your Stroller wondered if NWMSU students were quite

ready to accept an Alice and Wonderland type party. Or if anybody, for that matter, was ready to accept it. Especially since Alice doesn't live here anymore...

Seventeen also had a helpful list of actions that party guests should avoid in order not to ruin the festivities. For example:

"Problem guests can cause a party to fizzle, often without being aware of what they're doing. Check your party behavior and avoid these social errors:"

They proceeded to list atrocities such as boring or insulting others, monopolizing the conversation, refusing to dance, and sticking close to people you already know.

Although these suggestions are all well and good, your Stroller thought that Seventeen's list was incomplete and perhaps a bit conservative. So he used personal experience gained by attending campus parties to compile a few items that would surely get one's name taken off the social register or at least dampen the get-together.

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1. Sitting in the punch bowl.
2. Sitting on the host's chihuahua.
3. Going to a costume party dressed as a social disease.
4. Dropping one's retainer into the avocado dip.
5. Eating the hostess's plants.
6. Smoking the hostess's plants.
7. Setting fire to the piano.
8. Making pig noises when the hostess models the outfit she got for her birthday.
9. Screaming "Capitalist pig!!!" when the host brings out his monopoly set.
10. Saying "No thanks, I don't eat junk food," when the hostess offers you a bowl of cheezits.

Believe you me, your Stroller knows how not to ruin a good party. This information was culled from years of experience of getting bounced, kicked out and generally ignored at festivities. But that, dear friends, is all in your Stroller's past.

No more punch bowl for him!

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